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Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument

Dripping Springs Natural Area 2015 Summer Series:

July 4-July 18 Schedule

Saturday- July 4, 2015

8:30 AM Hike (meet at Visitor Center) - *Desert Flowers*. Hike Crawford Trail and Arroyo Trail to discover the beauty of desert flowering plants. Around 4 miles, moderate hike, about 2.5 hours in duration.

2:00 PM 20 minute Patio Talk (meet at Visitor Center)- *Flower Anatomy*. Learn about the different parts of a flower and see it under a microscope.



Friday - July 10, 2015

6:00 PM Guided Nature Hike (meet at Visitor Center)- *Plants Identification*. Guided hike on the Arroyo Trail to identify the different plants along the trail- 1 mile, moderate to easy hike about 1.5 hours duration.

Saturday - July,11 2015

8:30 AM Nature Program/Hike (meet at Visitor Center) - *Lizards*: A walk along the trails to find lizards and learn more about these reptiles.

10:00 AM 20 minute Patio Talk (meet at Visitor Center) - *Spider Behavior and Anatomy* A brief program about the wonderful world of arachnids.

2:00 PM 20 minute Patio Talk (meet at Visitor Center) - *Mammals of Dripping Springs*. Learn about the mammals that live in the area.

Sunday - July 12, 2015

8:30 AM Guided Nature Hike (meet at Visitor Center)- *Wildlife Hike*. Guided hike up the Arroyo Trail learning about what kind of wildlife live in the area. 2 miles, moderate to easy hike about 1.5 hours duration.

10:00 AM 20 minute Patio Talk (meet at Visitor Center) - *History of Dripping Springs*. A brief program on the history of the area.

2:00 PM 20 minute Education Program (meet at Visitor Center)- *Leave No Trace*. A short program geared towards children about the ethics of recreating in the outdoors.

Friday - July 17, 2015

6:30 PM Kids Education Program (meet at Visitor Center)- *Ringtail Ramble*. Come and learn all about Ringtails and even try to behave like one.

7:30 PM Kids Education Program (meet at Visitor Center) - *Moths*. Learn about moths and the varieties that are around. Then go outside to see if you can find any.

Saturday - July 18, 2015

9:00 AM Nature Program/Hike (meet at Visitor Center) - *Nature Journaling on the Trails*: A walk along the trails to examine nature and record it through a journal and art.

10:00 AM 20 minute Patio Talk (meet at Visitor Center) - *Plants Heal*. A brief program about the medicinal use of desert plants.

2:00 PM 20 minute Patio Talk (meet at Visitor Center) - *Snakes*: A brief program about the snakes of the area and how to respect them in their own environment.

A \$5.00 vehicle pass will apply (except for those who have the Golden Age, Access, America the Beautiful or the LCDO Recreation Pass).

No extra fee will be charged for the programs.

The Dripping Springs Natural Area is located 10 miles east of Las Cruces, on the west side of the Organ Mountains. From Exit 1 on Interstate 25, take University Avenue/Dripping Springs Road to the end where there is a parking lot.

For further information, call McKinney Briske at BLM's office at 575-525-4334.

